

I have thus given you some account of this very extraordinary man. I do not mean to recommend his example to you, for I think he would have done better to have remained at home, and pursued some honest calling, than to have enlisted in a foreign army, and fought battles with the Turks. But we must remember that all this happened more than two hundred years ago, when such bold characters were much more highly esteemed and encouraged than they are now. I have told you his story, that you may know something of the individual whom I shall soon introduce to you as exercising great influence in the settlement of Virginia.

CHAPTER VII.

Departure of a new Expedition from England. Arrival on the Virginian Coast. The Country is partially explored. Adventures with the Natives. A Settlement is commenced at Jamestown. It is assaulted by the Indians, who are repulsed. Smith is honorably acquitted of the Charges brought against him. Captain Newport sails for England.

SMITH was persuaded by Gosnold, as I have told you before, to embark with the new colonists for Virginia. The merchants concerned in this enterprise, had provided three vessels: the command of them, with the care of transporting the colonists,